के नोटिस में लाई जाती है, तब उपचारात्मक कार्रवाई के वास्ते उसकी जांच की जाती है ।

यूको बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि संभवतः प्रश्न में उल्लिखित यूको बैंक, बरियारपुर (मुंगेर) शाखा में जमा कराए गए दो चैक उगाहकर्ता शाखा द्वारा गलती से बरियारपुर के स्थान पर बिलासपुर भेज दिए गए थे जिसके कारण ये काफी समय तक मिलान के बगैर पड़े रहे। पता चलने पर बैंक ने चैकों की रकम ग्राहक के खाते में जमा कर दी और देरी की अवधि के वास्ते ब्याज भी दे दिया है ।

पंजाब और आन्ध्र प्रदेश में मारे और गिरफ्तार किए गए आतंकवादी

2818. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान पंजाब तथा आन्ध्र प्रदेश में कितने आतंकवादी मारे या गिरफ्तार किए गये और इस बीच इन्होंने कितने व्यक्तियों को मारा तथा घायल किया ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने आतंकवाद के कृत्यों में वृद्धि के कारणों को मालूम करने के लिए कोई अध्ययन किया है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) पंजाब सरकार द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, वर्ष 1986 तथा 1987 के दौरान 406 आतंकवादी मारे गए तथा 5331 पकड़े गए । इस अवधि के दौरान आतंकवादी गतिविधियों के कारण हुई वारदातों में 1430 व्यक्ति मारे गए तथा 1008 घायल हुए ।

आन्ध्र प्रदेश के बारे में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ख) आतंकवादियों की गतिविधियों से उत्पन्न स्थिति पर सरकार लगातार ध्यान दे रही है ।

Exemption of State Electricity Boards from income-tax

2819. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments have suggested to the Central Government for exemption of State Electricity Boards from income-tax payment, being treated as public undertakings; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to implement the suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion has been examined and found not acceptable.

Foreign missionaries in strategic area in Orissa

2820. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain foreign missionaries and individuals in the guise of tourists are active in Baliapal area of Balasore District of Orissa, the venue of the proposed National Missile Test Range area;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to put a check on the movement of foreigners in the area;

(c) whether any foreigners were taken into custody from that area recently; and

(d) if so, to which country they belonged and what were the allegations against them?

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PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Two F.R.G. nationals have come to the notice of the Government for having entered Baliapal in the Balasore District of Orissa. One of them was found overstaying in India and accordingly action under the Foreigners Act has been taken. As of now, no Defence installation/equipment exists in the area and it is not a restricted area.

2821. [Transferred to the 25th March, 1988]

Polish credit for energy sector

2822. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Poland has offered to extend credit to India for joint collaboration in the Energy sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Government of Poland had offered, in 1986, credit assistance for supply and erection of equipment for the Ib Valley Thermal Project in Orissa. On a careful consideration of the matter, this offer was not found acceptable and the Government of Poland was informed accordingly.

Boosting up of tobacco exports

2823. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for boosting up tobacco exports from the country as per the news-item in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 21st February, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. At a seminar on tobacco exports organised by the Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO) in association with the Tobacco Boards on 20th February, 1988 suggestions have been made for boosting tobacco exports.

(b) Some of the suggestions made at the seminar are:

— It may be possible to increase exports if quality of tobacco is improved.

— Need to increase yield of tobacco per hectare which has remained static over the years.

— A fresh look at research and reviewing the extension efforts in order to make tobacco growing attractive.

— The State Governments have an important role to play in improving the quality and production of tobacco, as well as look after the interests of tobacco growers and exporters.

Efforts are underway to identify and develop the varieties which produce low-nicotine and tobaccos with flavour which have demand in some of the importing countries. It is proposed to intensify extension activities for improving the productivity and quality of tobacco in order to